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## **MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED FOR ROLE IN METH CONSPIRACY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican national living in Kansas City was sentenced in federal court today for his role in a methamphetamine conspiracy.

**Genero R. Andrade**, 33, a Mexican national living in the Kansas City area, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to 14 years in federal prison without parole.

On Feb. 28, 2005, **Andrade** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute between 500 grams and 1.5 kilograms of methamphetamine between Aug. 1, 2004, and Aug. 17, 2004.

Two other co-defendants also have pleaded guilty in this case.

On March 4, 2005, **Cosme D. Minjarez-Rojas**, 32, a Mexican national living in the Kansas City area, also pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute between 500 grams and 1.5 kilograms of methamphetamine between Aug. 1, 2004, and Aug. 17, 2004.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Minjarez-Rojas** may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to life in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$4 million.

On March 4, 2005, **Gabriela Beltran**, 28, a citizen of Mexico living in the Kansas City area, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine on Aug. 16, 2004.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Beltran** may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. The case was investigated by the Kansas City Metropolitan Drug Task Force and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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